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SUBJECT: ADMISSIONS BY GOVERNMENT IN LITIGATION IN
GLOMAR EXPLORER

1. YESTERDAY IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA ATTORNEYS FOR THE GOVERNMENT FILED THE FOLLOW-
ING ADMISSION:

RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF 'REQUEST
FOR ADMISSION UNDER RULE 36"

IN RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S 'REQUEST FOR ADMISSION UNDER
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RULE 36,SERVED MARCH 8, 1977, DEFENDANTS ADMIT THAT:
PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF MEDIA REPORTS CONCERNING THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE VESSEL GLOMAR EXPLORER, OFFICIALS OF THE
CIA ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA NOT TO PRINT
OR BROADCAST STORIES CONCERNING THE VESSEL OR ITS ACTIVI-
TIES.'

2. THIS ADMISSION WAS MADE IN THE COURSE OF A SUIT BROUGHT UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, PHILLIPI V. CIA. ATTORNEYS FOR THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ADMITTED ORALLY THAT THE CIA WAS "OFFICIALLY INVOLVED, WITH THE GLOMAR EXPLORER.

3. THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THIS ADMISSION IS THAT OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE GLOMAR EXPLORER WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM OTHER AGENCIES UNDER THE FOIA MUST BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT SHOULD REMAIN CLASSIFIED. IT APPEARS CERTAIN THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING ASKING THOSE AGENCIES TO PERMIT IT TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION THEY PLAN TO RELEASE.

4. NO PRESS STORIES ABOUT THE ADMISSIONS APPEARED IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PLAINTIFFS PLAN TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE, PERHAPS TODAY. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENTS ON IMPACT OF FURTHER OFFICIAL DISCLOSURES IN GLOMAR EXPLORER MATTER.
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